

**Charter Review Committee Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2023 at 7:00pm**

TOWN CLERK, ROCKLAND
APR 26 '23 PM 4:02

Present over Zoom:

Committee Members: Doug Cope, John Ellard, Judy Hartigan, Karen Ripley, Maureen Shorrock, Pat Foley (on mute), Rich Penny, Robyn Day, Vivian Anastasi
John Clifford (Town Counsel)
UMass Boston Collins Center: Jim Tarr, Anthony Wilson, Patricia Lloyd

Mr. Penny reads last meeting's minutes. Mr. Penny motions to approve meeting minutes, seconded by Doug Cope and Maureen Shorrock. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Penny reviews articles 80, 81, and 82. Articles are attached below.

Jim Tarr gives a presentation on Financial Organization and Public Works with Comparable Municipalities.

Patricia Lloyd suggests we begin inviting/interviewing town boards for their input on reorganization and role structure.

Committee discussion on elected positions vs appointed positions. The positions were compared to similar positions in comparable municipalities given in Jim Tarr's presentation.

Doug Cope suggests meeting minutes, with any additional materials, are sent to the town clerk for posting on town's website after committee approval. All in favor.

Mr. Penny asks for suggestions on next steps. Karen Ripley requests going on Patricia Lloyd suggestions on beginning to interview members of town boards. All in favor. Judy Hartigan recuses herself from finance department interviews.

Patricia Lloyd states there will be a transition section added to the end of the charter detailing how positions will fall into their new structure as terms begin/end when/if they are changed.

Mr. Penny motions meeting to adjourn, seconded by Judy Hartigan and John Ellard. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourns at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ripley

ARTICLE # 80

Will the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to request a special act of the General Court, in the form set forth below, amending the Town Charter to remove all references to "Board of Selectmen" to "Select Board" and replace references to "Selectmen" or "Selectman" with the gender neutral term of "Select Board Member" or "Member, " provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court; to combine this article with any other change to the Town Charter adopted by this Town Meeting into one special act for submission to the legislature, and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments will shall be within the general public objectives of this petition:

An Act Relative to the Charter of the Town of Rockland

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Charter of the Town of Rockland, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the Commonwealth as provided in Section 12 of Chapter 43B, is hereby amended as shown below:

SECTION 2. The Charter of the Town of Rockland is hereby amended by striking out the word "board of selectmen", each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words: "select board."

SECTION 3. The Charter of the Town of Rockland is hereby amended by striking out the word "selectmen", or "selectman" each time it appears alone, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words: "member(s) of the select board" or "member(s)";

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by: Charter Review Committee

Approval Recommended by: Board of Selectmen

Funding Source: N/A

ARTICLE # 81

Will the Town vote to amend the Rockland Town Code, Division 3: Zoning Bylaws, Article II, Definitions, §415-2 Definitions and word usage, by adding , §415-2-1 – “Planning Board Associate Member” as follows:

7.4.1 Planning Board Associate Member. Pursuant to Section 9, Chapter 40A, Massachusetts General Laws, the Rockland Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit granting authority, shall have up to one associate member, who shall sit on the Board when there are less than five members sitting, for the purposes of acting on a Special Permit application. This position of associate member will be filled by joint appointment of the Select Board and the Planning Board and the term shall be fixed for three years. If provision for the associate member has been made, the Chair of the Planning Board shall designate the associate member to sit on the board for the purpose of acting on a Special Permit application, in the case of absence, inability to act, or conflict of interest, on the part of any member of the Planning Board or in the event of a vacancy on the Board and further, that the Town Clerk be authorized to make clerical, editorial or other adjustments related to incorporating or referencing this change in the Town Code, or take any action relative thereto.

2/3rd Majority Vote Required

Requested by: Planning Board

Approval Recommended by: Planning Board

Funding Source: N/A

ARTICLE # 82

Will the Town vote to extend the term of the *ad hoc* Charter Review Committee until June 30, 2024, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by: Charter Review Committee

Approval Recommended by: Board of Selectmen

Funding Source: N/A

